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OF

ABRAHAM FOSTER.

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COMPOUND FOR THE CURE OF AGUE.

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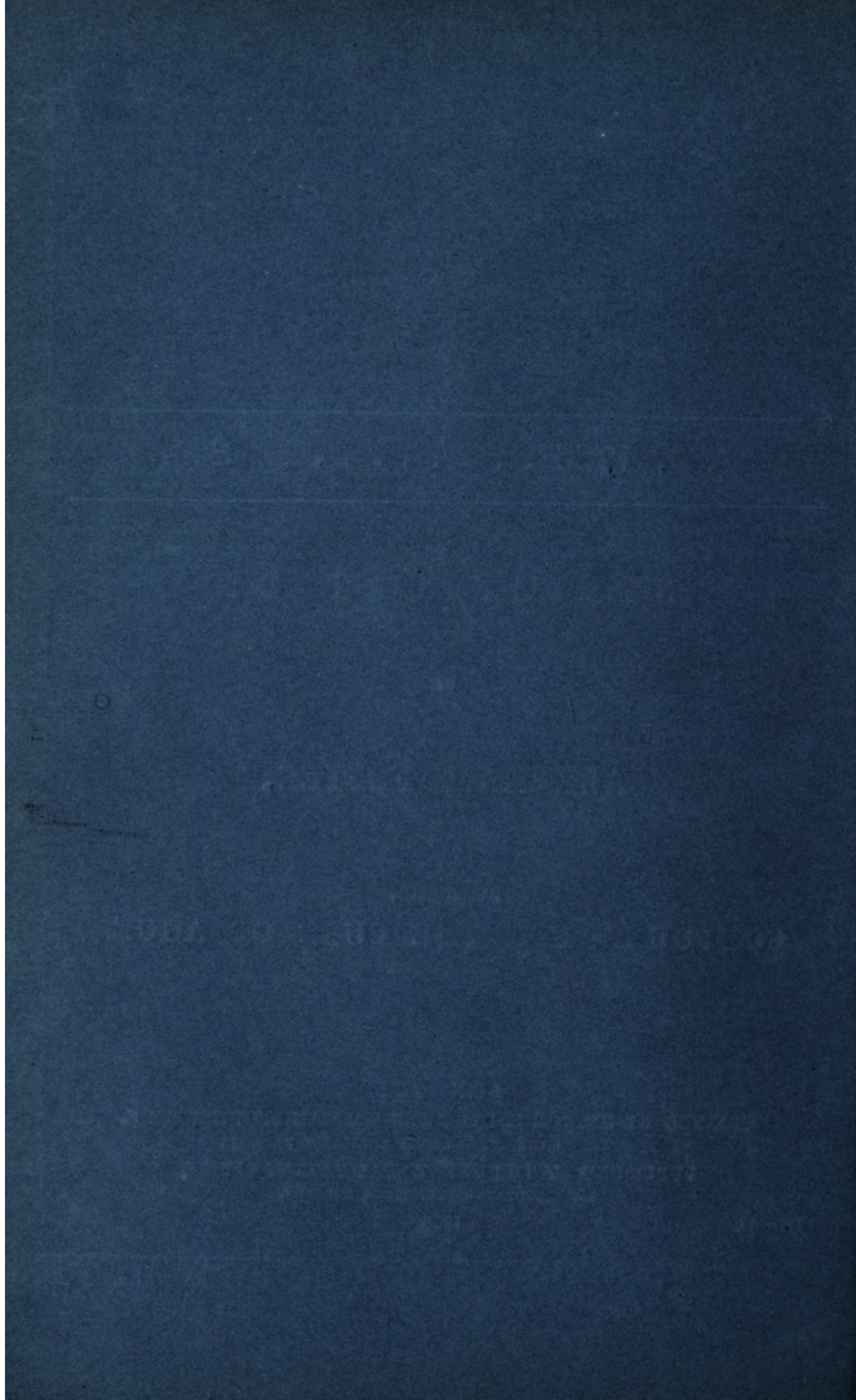
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**FOSTER'S SPECIFICATION.**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, ABRAHAM FOSTER, of Seething Lane, in the Parish of Allhallows Barking, Peruke Maker, send greeting.**

**WHEREAS** His most Excellent Majesty King George the Third, by His  
5 Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Fifteenth day of April, in the sixth year of His reign, did give and grant unto me, the said Abraham Foster, His especial licence that I, the said Abraham Foster, during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and Town of  
10 Berwick-upon-Tweed, my Invention of "**A COMPOSITION WHICH AFTER A FEW HOURS TAKING IS AN EFFECTUAL AND CERTAIN CURE FOR THE AGUE, AND WHICH I CALL FOSTER'S COMPOUND ;**" in which said Letters Patent there is contained a provisoe, obliging me, the said Abraham Foster, under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of my said Invention, and how  
15 the same is to be prepared, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within four calendar months after the date of the said recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

**NOW KNOW YE,** that in compliance with the said provisoe, I, the said  
20 Abraham Foster, do hereby declare that my said Invention of a composition which after a few hours taking is an effectual and certain cure for the ague, and which I call Foster's compound, is to be prepared in the manner following (that is to say) :—



*Foster's Composition for the Cure of Ague.*

Take a pint of the best brandy, one pennyworth of cochineal, finely pounded, one pennyworth of saffron, put them into a bag and squeeze the juices from it; then take two ounces of the best bark and put it into a bottle with the juices, and before the fitt comes on take an half gill glass of the medicine, and every two hours after, the same quantity, till the whole medicine is 5 taken.

In witness whereof, I, the said Abraham Foster, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Fifteenth day of July, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-six.

ABRAHAM FOSTER. (L.S.) 10

THO<sup>s</sup> CUDDON.  
AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that on the day and year last above mentioned the aforesaid Abraham Foster came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stampd according to the tenor of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King and Queen William & Mary 15 of England, & so forth.

Inrolled the Fourth day of August, in the year above written.

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